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CHARLOTTE, N.C., March 26 /PRNewswire/ -- The American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists (AACE) awarded Charlotte Bobcats rookie Adam Morrison, who has type 1 diabetes, the Eugene T. Davidson, MD, Award for Public Service prior to the Bobcats' game against the New Jersey Nets on Saturday.

(Photo: <http://www.newscom.com/cgi-bin/prnh/20070326/NYM064>)

The Eugene T. Davidson, MD, Award for Public Service is annually presented to a non-physician for outstanding contributions to advancing the mission of AACE in providing quality health care for patients with endocrine disease, including diabetes, and for the betterment of the public health. Past recipients include Ronald S. Santo of the Chicago Cubs, Mary Tyler Moore, Gail Devers, and former congressman Newt Gingrich.

Dr. Carlos R. Hamilton, AACE past president and President Elect of the American College of Endocrinology, presented Morrison with the award during a pre-game ceremony in recognition of the example he is setting in overcoming adversity to achieve his dreams. "Adam is a truly courageous individual," Dr. Hamilton said. "His ability to reach his dreams, playing in the NBA, despite living with diabetes is an inspiration to the more than 14 million Americans diagnosed with the disease. We at AACE are proud to recognize his contribution to raising diabetes awareness and to demonstrating how someone living with diabetes can still realize their dreams."

One of the top rookies in the NBA and compared by some to Larry Bird, Morrison is one of the most recognized players in the NBA today. But Morrison is known for more than just his heroics on the court. He recently formed a relationship with LifeScan, Inc., makers of the OneTouch(R) Brand of Blood Glucose Monitors, to support causes aimed at improving the quality of life for people with diabetes. Morrison hopes that his personal mission -- a "full court press" that includes public appearances and other outreach efforts -- will help those suffering from diabetes learn how to better manage their disease.

"My goal is to help people with diabetes understand how they can better manage their disease so they can achieve their dreams," said Morrison. "I'm honored to receive this award and look forward to continuing to make a positive difference in the lives of others with diabetes."

About AACE

AACE is a professional medical organization with more than 6,000 members in the United States and 84 other countries. Founded in 1991, AACE is dedicated to the optimal care of patients with endocrine problems. AACE initiatives inform the public about endocrine disorders. AACE also conducts continuing education programs for clinical endocrinologists, physicians whose advanced, specialized training enables them to be experts in the care of endocrine disease, such as diabetes, thyroid disorders, growth hormone deficiency, osteoporosis, cholesterol disorders, hypertension, and obesity. For further information about AACE and the Annual Meeting, visit the AACE web site at <http://www.aace.com>.

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